



1206 Park Place
Queen Anne Style • 1891 • Edward Menke House
Architect: John Batschy

The Edward Menke House, 1206 Park Place, also attributed to architect Batschy, was built in 1891 for the 30 year old stone mason and his new bride Matilda Dick (daughter of the brewer). Also in the Queen Anne style, it has Romanesque features, including an ornately carved stone lintel above the front picture window, with its beveled glass transom. Batschy used a combination of ornamental brick, stone, wood shingles and wood on the exterior. The stone came from Minnesota, Ohio and Indiana.

Menke, born in Quincy on July 3, 1861, was a foreman of the stone-cutting department of his father's company, F.W. Menke Stone and Lime. In the 1895 Adams County History, his biography notes he was residing in Park Place in a "new and handsome brick residence of the latest architectural design. It is beautifully finished, both inside and out, and is fitted up with all the latest modern improvements, is handsomely furnished, and is a model of convenience and comfort."

The interior uses a variety of wood trim styles in oak and walnut, and has impressively detailed fireplaces, especially in the dining room. Note the ceramic tile surround with cameo corner pieces. Each room on the main floor has different detailing.

Christmas Candlelight Tour
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